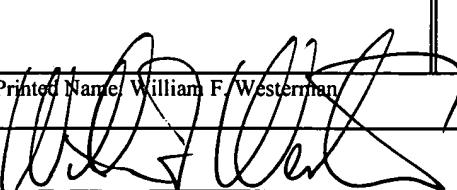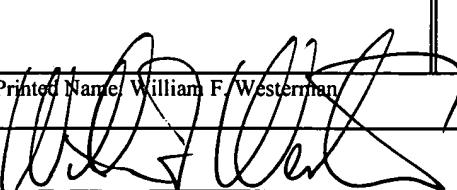| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	DATE: October 7, 2005
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371	U.S. Application. No. (if known): **10/552143**

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/JP2003/004672	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: April 11, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED:

TITLE OF INVENTION: *IMAGE RECOGNITION SYSTEM AND IMAGE RECOGNITION PROGRAM*

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: **Hisashi MIYAMORI**

Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.

2. ☐ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.

3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.

4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).

5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):
   a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
   b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
   c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)

6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
   a. ☒ is attached hereto.
   b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
   a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
   b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
   c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
   d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.

8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).

9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).

10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

ITEMS 11. TO 20. BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 together with the international search report, PTO/SB/08 and 3 documents.

12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
   ASSIGNEE NAME AND ADDRESS: *National Institute of Information and Communications Technology Incorporated Administrative Agency, Tokyo, Japan*
   Please publish the assignee data with the application.

13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.

14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76

15. ☐ A substitute specification.

16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.

17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825.

18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

20. ☒ Other items or information: 15 sheets of drawings and Form PCT/IB/306 (2 forms)

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The following fees are submitted:	CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
21. ☒ Basic National Stage Fee $300	$ 300.00	
22. ☒ National Stage Examination Fee		
If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) $100 All other situations $200	$ 200.00	
23. ☒ National Stage Search Fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority $100 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office $400 All other situations $500	$ 400.00	
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =	$ 900.00	

Surcharge of $130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).		

CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
TOTAL	20 -20 =	0	X $ 50.00		
INDEPENDENT	4 - 3 =	1	X $ 200.00	$ 200.00	
Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable)			+ $360.00		
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				$1,100.00	
National Stage Application Size Fee-for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets $ 250.00.					
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).					
SUBTOTAL =				$1,100.00	
Processing fee of $130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). +					
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				$1,100.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). $40.00 per property +				$ 40.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				$1,140.00	
			Amount to be: refunded	$	
			charged	$	

a. ☐ A check in the amount of $ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b. ☒ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-2866 in the amount of $1,140.00 to cover the above fees. ($300.00 for basic national stage fee; $400.00 for national stage search fee; $200.00 for national stage examination fee, $200.00 for 1 additional independent claim and $40.00 for the assignment recordation fee).

c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed to request that the application be restored to pending status.

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